GLYNCORRWG URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year ended 31st December 1970.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1970.

To The Chairman and Members of the Glyncorrwg Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to produce for your information the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1970. This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions outlined in Circular 1/71 (Wales) from the Welsh Office.

The slow but steady decrease in the estimated population continues to manifest itself in 1970 following the slight peak that obtained in 1965. The Birth Rate likewise has dropped and is now only 15.6 per 1,000 of the population which is for the first time in many years, less than the figure obtaining for the whole of England and Wales. The majority of births now take place in hospital, domiciliary confinement being the exception rather than the rule. There are certain difficulties being experienced in ensuring regular attendances of expectant mothers at the Obstetric Department of Neath General Hospital because of problems related to bus services. A modest number of expectant mothers from the district who are patients of doctors practising in the Caerau and Maesteg area, are confined at the General Practitioner Unit at Maesteg General Hospital. These are under the supervision, of course, of the Consultant Obstetrician from Bridgend General Hospital.

The Death Rate for the Urban District was slightly above that for the whole of England and Wales this year. I am pleased to be able to report that there were no Maternal deaths during 1970. The Infant Mortality statistics which fluctuate wildly in a small area such as ours gave a mortality rate of 21 on this occasion, three infants having failed to reach their first birthday. I have again included details of the causes of death and these may be found in Table 2. Three babies were on this occasion considered by the staff at Neath General Hospital to have a certain degree of hydrocephalus, one being a female stillbirth and the other two who survived six days and eight months respectively, were also found to have congenital abnormalities linked with the central nervous system.

In the realm of Infectious Diseases, a total of 176 notifications were received, mostly measles. I am pleased to be able to record that there were no new cases of Tuberculosis notified during 1970. Five patients were removed from the register, these included one death, one departure from the district and three recoveries.

The Clinic Services provided by the Local Health Authority continue to serve the needs of the population and on Page 13 of this report, details of the attendandces may be found. Also in this section of the report are details of the Home Nursing, Midwifery and Protective Immunisations carried out in Schools etc., in the part of the Port Talbot & Glyncorrwg Health Division falling within the catchment area of the Urban District.

I am pleased to be able to comment on the happy and cordial relationships which have existed between the Officers of the Authority and in particular I would like to thank Mr. S. Mason, your Public Health Inspector, for the hard work he has done during the year. Mr. Mason has kindly compiled details of the environmental health work and inspections he has involved himself in during the year and these are included from Page 15 onwards.

Finally on Page 23 I include details of samples taken in the Urban District by the Sampling Officer during the period under review.

In concluding these introductory remarks, I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Authority and to my colleagues on the staff for the cordial and happy relationships which have existed throughout the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

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VITAL STATISTICS

1. POPULATION

The estimated population of the Urban District is shown below and for comparison purposes, that for certain preceding and census years is also appended.

For the year	1970	the	estimated	population	was		9,330
" " "	1969	"	"	"	"		9,360
" " "	1968	"	"	"	"		9,480
" " "	1967	"	"	"	"		9,490
" " "	1966	"	"	"	"		9,460
" " "	1965	"	"	"	"		9,510
" " "	1964	"	"	"	"		9,470
" " "	1963	"	"	"	"		9,440
" " "	1962	"	"	"	"		9,440
" " "	1961	"	census	"	"		9,930
" " "	1951	"	"	"	"		9,236
" " "	1931	"	"	"	"		10,208
" " "	1921	"	"	"	"		10,772
" " "	1911	"	"	"	"		8,689

The rateable value of the area on the 31st March, 1970, was as follows:-

General Rate Purposes £145,016
Sum represented by 1d. Rate ,..... £571

2. BIRTHS

During 1970, 146 live births were credited to the Urban District of which 88 were males and 58 were females. There were 3 stillbirths.

The birth rate was 15.6 per 1000 population and this compares with 18.4 for the previous year. For the whole of England and Wales the birth rate was 16.0.

The following table is of interest:-

Number of live births at home in the area	29
Number of live births at Neath General Hospital ...	109
Number of live births in Maesteg General Hospital and Bridgend General Hospital	8

3. DEATHS

Deaths from all causes in the area:

Males - 65 Females - 50 115
Death rate per 1000 of estimated resident population: Crude ... 12.3
Death rate for England and Wales 11.7

The following table shows the death rates in recent years:-

	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Crude	12.3	11.2	11.0	9.3	11.10	11.78	8.87	11.86	9.75	13.19
Adjusted	18.1	16.1	16.2		16.67	17.32	13.48	18.02	13.94	18.80

4. MATERNAL MORTALITY

No mother died from puerperal causes during 1970.

5. INFANT MORTALITY

Whilst the infant mortality rate for the whole of England and Wales was 18, that for the Urban District was 21 and this was occasioned by the failure of 3 infants to reach their first birthday.

Comparative figures for the past ten years are given below:-

1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
21	41	49	23.0	41.88	44.78	37.21	51.89	31.91	38.10

Table 4 gives analysis of the causes of death.

6. DEATHS (all ages)

The main causes of death in the area during 1970 were:-

(a) Cardiovascular conditions 44
(b) Cancers of various kinds 13
(c) Respiratory diseases (excluding Tuberculosis and Cancer) 26
(d) Accidents 3

TABLE 1.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT

1970.

These statistics have been confirmed by the Registrar General.

Live Births	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	138	83	55
Illegitimate	8	5	3

Crude birth rate per 1000 population 15.6
Adjusted birth rate per 1000 population 15.1
Illegitimate live births per cent total live births 5

Stillbirths	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	3	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Stillbirth rate per 1000 total births - 20

Deaths	Total	Males	Females
	115	65	55

Crude death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population - 12.3

Deaths from Puerperal Causes: - There were no deaths from puerperal causes.

Number of deaths under 1 year of age 3

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1000 live births 21
Legitimate infants per 1000 live legitimate births 22
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ..... Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 13
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ..... Nil

TABLE 2.

ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS DURING 1970.

	Date of Birth	Age	Sex	Cause of Death	Where Died	Age of Mother	Parity	Ward
Stillbirths	26.2.70.		Male	Placental insufficiency Toxaemia of pregnancy	Neath General Hospital	28	First	Blaengwynfi
	18.5.70.		Female	Compression of cord, Two loops of cord around baby's neck. Prolonged 1st stage. Placental infarction.	Neath General Hospital	23	Second	Glyncorrwg
	30.8.70.		Female	Hydrocephalic	Neath General Hospital	26	Second	Cymmer
	Date of Death							
Infant Deaths								
One day - one week	17.11.70.	6 days	Male	Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus	Morriston Hospital	23	Third	Glyncorrwg
One week - one month	Nil							
One month - one year	10.1.70.	8 mths	Female	Cardio respiratory failure. Occipital Encepholocele with Hydrocephalus.	Morriston Hospital	18	First	Cymmer
	11.1.70.	3 mths	Male	Acute bronchiolitis	At Home	22	Second	Abergwynfi

Neonatal Deaths - 1 Neonatal Death Rate - 7 per thousand live births.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES OR FEVERS

The incidence and distribution of notified infectious diseases including tuberculosis is shown in the following table:

	Glyn corrwg	Cymmer	Aber gwynfi	Total for 1970	Total for 1969	Total for 1968	Total for 1967	Total for 1966
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	8
Measles	-	79	95	174	12	25	50	292
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	7	23	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1
Tuberculosis, Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	1	20	1	-	2
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	11
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	9	117	-	-
TOTAL	2	79	95	176	46	154	89	317

TABLE 3.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases during 1970

There were no new cases of tuberculosis notified during 1970.

Below I append the notification state at the beginning and end of 1970 for comparison purposes:-

TUBERCULOSIS

Incidence and Domiciliary Care

Number of cases on Register 1st January 1970.

	Males	Females
Pulmonary	20	12
Non-Pulmonary	1	-
TOTAL:	21	12

Number of cases on Register 31st December 1970.

	Males	Females
Pulmonary	16	11
Non-Pulmonary	1	-
TOTAL	17	11

Total cases on 1st January, 1970 33

Total cases on 31st December, 1970 28

Number removed from the Register as follows:-

Number left district 1

Number died 1

Number recovered 3

Change of diagnosis ..... Nil

Cases not formally notified (taken from Registrar's returns) ..... Nil

Number added to Register as follows:

Number of new notifications ..... -

Number of in-transfers ..... -

Restored to Register ..... -

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS DURING 1970

as Recorded by the Registrar General

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	Age in Years 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & Over
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, Oesophagus.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, Stomach.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, Breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, Uterus.	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, Prostate.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	9	3
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	2
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Cerobrovascular Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	2
Other diseases of Circulatory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Pneumonia	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS DURING 1970 - Cont...

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & Over
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all Causes	M	65	1	1	1	-	1	1	2	5	14	22	17
	F	50	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	19	18

GLAMORGAN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY - VITAL STATISTICS 1970.

		Estimated Population 1970	Live Births			Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	Deaths			Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate
			No. of Live Births	Rate per 1,000 population			No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population		
				Crude	Adjusted			Crude	Adjusted	
England and Wales		48,987,700	784,482	16.0	16.0	1.00	575,208	11.7	11.7	1.00
Administrative County		748,190	12,083	16.1	16.6	1.04	9,319	12.5	14.1	1.21
Urban Districts		523,700	8,138	15.5	16.0	1.00	6,719	12.8	14.5	1.24
Rural Districts		224,490	3,945	17.6	18.0	1.12	2,600	11.6	13.0	1.11
Health Division	Constituent Districts									
Aberdare and Mountain Ash	Aberdare Urban	38,250	652	17.0	18.5	1.16	575	15.0	15.2	1.29
	Mountain Ash Urban	28,420	458	16.1	16.1	1.01	357	12.6	15.0	1.28
Caerphilly and Gelligaer	Caerphilly Urban	40,550	804	19.8	19.4	1.21	404	10.0	12.5	1.07
	Gelligaer Urban	34,420	556	16.2	16.2	1.01	419	12.2	15.4	1.31
Mid-Glamorgan	Bridgend Urban	15,170	197	13.0	13.4	0.84	204	13.4	14.6	1.25
	Maesteg Urban	21,220	401	18.9	19.7	1.23	271	12.8	15.9	1.36
	Ogmore & Garw Urban	20,120	390	19.4	20.0	1.25	305	15.2	18.4	1.57
	Porthcawl Urban	13.640	188	13.8	16.3	1.02	216	15.8	12.6	1.08
	Penybont Rural	50,530	1,004	19.9	19.1	1.19	656	13.0	11.8	1.01
Neath & District	Neath M.B.	29,470	380	12.9	13.4	0.84	396	13.4	14.5	1.24
	Neath Rural	40,390	568	14.1	14.7	0.92	534	13.2	15.4	1.32
Pontypridd and Llantrisant	Pontypridd Urban	35,040	531	15.2	15.5	0.97	451	12.9	13.3	1.14
	Llantrisant Rural	34.270	747	21.8	22.5	1.40	306	8.9	11.9	1.02
Port Talbot and Glyncorrwg	Glyncorrwg Urban	9,330	146	15.6	15.1	0.95	115	12.3	18.1	1.55
	Port Talbot M.B.	51,000	699	13.7	13.6	0.85	570	11.2	15.0	1.28
South East Glamorgan	Barry M.B.	43,370	652	15.4	15.9	0.99	503	11.9	12.9	1.10
	Cardiff Rural	29,810	570	19.1	17.6	1.10	304	10.2	10.8	0.92
	Cowbridge M.B.	1,500	40	26.7	26.4	1.65	22	14.7	16.9	1.44
	Cowbridge Rural	23,720	441	18.6	21.2	1.33	177	7.5	13.1	1.12
	Penarth Urban	23,200	339	14.6	15.8	0.99	271	11.7	11.0	0.94
West Glamorgan	Gower Rural	16,350	232	14.2	14.9	0.93	187	11.4	12.4	1.06
	Llwchwr Urban	26,000	419	16.1	17.2	1.08	329	12.7	13.8	1.18
	Pontardawe Rural	29,420	383	13.0	14.7	0.92	436	14.8	15.1	1.29
Rhondda M.B.		94,000	1,286	13.7	14.1	0.88	1,311	13.9	15.4	1.32

GLAMORGAN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY - VITAL STATISTICS 1970.

		Infant Mortality		Perinatal Mortality		Stillbirths	
		Deaths under one year	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths and deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	No. of Still-Births	Rate per 1,000 total births
gland and Wales		14.269	18	18,669	23	10,341	13
dministrative County		255	21	330	27	180	15
rban Districts		188	23	236	29	121	15
ural Districts		67	17	94	23	59	15
ealth Division	Constituent Districts						
berdare and	Aberdare Urban	15	23	19	29	9	14
ountain Ash	Mountain Ash Urban	17	37	15	32	4	9
aerphilly and	Caerphilly Urban	21	26	21	26	10	12
elligaer	Gelligaer Urban	16	29	15	27	7	12
	Bridgend Urban	5	25	6	30	2	10
	Maesteg Urban	13	32	22	53	12	29
id Glamorgan	Ogmore & Garw Urban	13	33	13	33	6	15
	Porthcawl Urban	5	27	3	16	1	5
	Penybont Rural	18	18	16	16	11	11
eath and	Neath M.B.	6	16	10	26	6	16
District	Neath Rural	13	23	15	26	6	10
ontypridd and	Llantrisant Rural	15	20	22	29	15	20
lantrisant	Pontypridd Urban	11	21	20	37	9	17
ort Talbot and	Glyncorrwg Urban	3	21	4	27	3	20
lyncorrwg	Port Talbot M.B.	18	26	22	31	10	14
	Barry M.B.	12	18	14	21	7	11
outh East	Cardiff Rural	6	11	8	14	5	9
lamorgan	Cowbridge M.B.	3	75	1	25	-	-
	Cowbridge Rural	8	18	16	35	10	22
	Penarth Urban	2	6	5	15	4	12
	Gower Rural	2	9	2	9	2	9
est Glamorgan	Llwchwr Urban	8	19	7	17	4	9
	Pontardawe Rural	5	13	15	38	10	25
hondda M.B.		20	16	39	30	27	21

LOCAL AND SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE ACTIVITIES 1970.

Infant Welfare Clinics

During the year, a total of 444 children attended the Infant Welfare Clinics in Abercregan, Cymmer, Duffryn, Blaengwynfi and Croeserw. Total attendances by children born during 1970 were 962, there were 865 attendances by children born during 1969 and other children under five years of age attended clinics on 630 occasions during the year.

In addition to advice and guidance to mothers, immunisation against diphtheria/whooping cough/tetanus and vaccination against smallpox and polio were available to infants at these clinics. Welfare foods were also on sale.

Ante Natal Clinics

168 expectant mothers availed themselves of ante-natal care at the clinics at Abercregan, Cymmer, Blaengwynfi and Croeserw. In all a total of 734 attendances were registered at these clinics. Some 31 mothers re-attended clinics after confinement for post-natal examination.

Ante-Natal Class

A weekly ante-natal relaxation class was held at Croeserw Clinic for expectant mothers from the whole area. 24 mothers took advantage of this service and during the year made a total of 119 attendances. At Glyncorrwg 17 mothers also attended a total of 61 times.

Home Nursing

The Home Nurses in the area visited 423 patients during the year and this involved them in a total of 5965 visits to homes. Of this number 3555 visits were made to people over the age of 65 and 63 visits to children under 5 years of age.

Midwifery

In 1970 the midwives in the Urban District were present at 29 deliveries at home.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis

This protection is offered to children at school between the ages of thirteen and fourteen and last year 91 children attending Cymmer Comprehensive School were vaccinated at school against this disease. A further 17 children who gave positive reactions to skin testing were investigated at Neath Chest Clinic. 1 child was asked to return for further investigation, 1 under review of Chest Clinic and 3 known to Chest Clinic.

Chiropody

Clinic sessions have now been extended to Cymmer, Blaengwynfi and Glyncorrwg, depending on demand for elderly or handicapped persons, and other special categories from the whole of the Urban area. Home visits were made where the patient was unfit to attend clinic. Last year 101 persons were seen at clinic on 506 occasions and 55 cases on 204 occasions were seen at home.

Home Help Service

This Service continued during the year and in order to meet the demand it was found necessary to employ 20 part-time home helps on a regular basis.

School Health Service

Regular medical inspections at all schools in the area were maintained and as a result a total of 298 children had routine medical examinations. In addition 248 children who had been referred from previous routine examinations were re-examined. It was found necessary to refer 30 children for treatment whilst 121 children were found to have defects which require observation.

Children found to have defects of vision are seen at Croeserw Clinic whilst those with orthopaedic or speech defects are appointed to school clinics in Croeserw and Port Talbot, or, by arrangement with the Divisional Medical Officer, Mid-Glamorgan Health Division, in Bridgend and Maesteg. Any child requiring full-time education as a partially hearing pupil is conveyed to Cwmafan Junior School daily.

Pupils attending the schools in the area were dentally inspected by the Area Dental Officer and treatment was offered at Croeserw Clinic. Towards the end of the year new dental equipment was installed at Croeserw Clinic and all treatment was offered under ideal and modern conditions. During 1970, 1039 attendances were made at these clinics by schoolchildren for treatment whilst expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school age children attended for dental treatment on 26 and 20 occasions respectively.

Mr. S. Mason, your Public Health Inspector has kindly compiled the information incorporated on the following pages of this Annual Report.

1. RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

Housing first visits	79
Revisits	818
Council Houses	134
Shops	30
Drainage	28
Rodent Control	19
Sampling	70
Infectious Disease	2
Factories	11
Miscellaneous	236
	1,437

2. NUISANCES

40 alleged nuisance complaints were made and investigated during the year.

3. ACTION TAKEN UNDER HOUSING ACTS.

During the year the Council authorised the serving of many "Time and Place" Notices when the various owners or other interested parties of unfit dwellings had the opportunity of making their representations.

CLOSING ORDERS AND DEMOLITION ORDERS MADE.

Following the service of these "Time and Place" Notices the Glyncorrwg Urban District Council made:-

41 Demolition Orders and
8 Closing Orders.

CLOSING ORDERS DETERMINED.

Three Closing Orders were revoked or determined at:-

6, Alban Terrace, Abercregan.
56, Prossers Terrace, Abercregan.
28a, Jersey Road, Blaengwynfi.

DWELLINGS DEMOLISHED.

41 dwellings were demolished at:-

(1) 9,10,11, 12 and 13 Gwynfi Street, Blaengwynfi and 5 to 27 and 34 to 39 Tunnel Terrace, Blaengwynfi. These were in areas subject to compulsory purchase and clearance orders.

(2) 19 and 20 Alban Terrace, Abercregan and 7 Commercial Street, Abergwynfi. These were the subject of individual demolition orders and

(3) 7,8,17 and 18 Heol Bryn Gwyn, Glyncorrwg. These were Council owned dwellings

FAMILIES REHOUSED FROM UNFIT DWELLINGS BY COUNCIL.

29 families were rehoused from privately owned unfit dwellings into Council houses during the year.

COUNCIL HOUSES CONSTRUCTED.

12 new Council houses were completed and tenanted at Heol-y-Nant, Blaengwynfi on the cleared site of the former Tunnel Terrace, Blaengwynfi.

CONVERSIONS AND COMPLETIONS.

The contract was signed and the work began on the repair and improvement of 14 compulsory acquired dwellings at Norton Terrace, Glyncorrwg. The dwellings being repaired and improved are:- Nos. 8,9,12, 13,15,16,17,18,22,23,25,26,27 and 32 Norton Terrace, Glyncorrwg.

The repair and improvement of the local authority dwelling at 36, Cymmer Road, Glyncorrwg, was commenced. This dwelling was acquired by negotiation.

Two flats were completed at 116/117 Jersey Road, Blaengwynfi. This property was acquired by the Council after negotiation.

The contract was signed for work to commence on providing 4 flats and a recreational centre at the Blaengwynfi Hotel, Blaengwynfi. This again was a Council acquired property.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

22 Improvement Grants of which 3 were Standard and 19 Discretionary were made and completed during the year on private dwelling houses. The local authority contribution amounted to £5,510.

INSPECTIONS UNDER THE SIXTH SCHEDULE OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1957.

34 Council houses were measured and inspected for the assessment of the "Permitted Number" and this information was reported to the Treasurer and Housing Manager for submission to the Rents and Management Committee when considering applications to sub-let from tenants in council houses.

4. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES.

Regular visits were made to food premises throughout the area and advice on such matters as hygiene and stock rotation given to retailers when it was deemed necessary.

FOOD PREMISES IN THE URBAN AREA.

Grocery and Provision Stores	20
Small Street and General Shops	14
Fish and Chip Friers	4
Greengrocers	5
Cafes	5
Butchers	6
Ice Cream Manufacturers	2
Colliery Canteens	1
Factory Canteens	1
School Canteens	6

FOODSTUFFS VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

The following foodstuffs were examined during the year and found to be unfit for human consumption. These were voluntarily surrendered and were suitably disposed of:-

	cwts	quarters	stones	lbs.	ozs.
Shoulder Ham		2	1	13	0
Pork				13	12
Beefburgers				10	4
Steaklets				9	7
Faggots				6	0
Chicken Portions				1	5
Shepherds Pie				1	0
Braised Beef				2	13
Beans				10	0
Broad Beans					8
Peas			1	6	1
Sprouts					13½
Chipped Potatoes				3	0
Cod Portions				14	2
Fish Fingers				9	12
Plaice Fillets				6	6½
Rissoles				3	12
Fish Cakes				4	0
Salmon Fish Cakes				1	6½
Kippers				1	8
Haddock				12	7
Hake				1	0
Mousse				6	0
Arctic Roll					9½
Sponges				2	0
Jam Roll				1	12½
Juices				1	8
	2	0	0	4	3½

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES (UNDER SECTION 16 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.)

One premises was registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream during the year.

5. LICENCED CLUBS AND PUBLIC HOUSES.

Routine visits were made to licenced premises throughout the area.

6. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES 1963.

Inspections were carried out during the year of premises registered under the above Act. In general premises were found to comply with the requirements of the Act and facilities were provided by owners and occupiers without legal action being taken.

	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total Number of premises registered at end of year	
Offices	-	13	13
Retail Shops	-	27	27
Wholesale Shops warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public	-	10	10
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-

Total Number of Inspections - 50

7. REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Refuse collection takes place on three days of each week throughout the Urban area. The disposal of refuse taken place at the uncontrolled tip at Glenavon which is situated in an isolated position and is completely fenced in.

8. RODENT CONTROL.

Full use was made of this service by the public and all complaints regarding infestations were investigated. The complaints increased during the year and a temporary man was employed for approximately 3 months to assist the rodent operative. Baiting with Warfarin was intensified and the complaints diminished.

A labourer was also engaged during the year to assist the Rodent Operative in the treatment of all sewer manholes throughout the Urban Area.

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS AND INFESTATIONS.

1. Total Number of properties (in nearby premises visited after notification) 90

2. Number infested by:-

   (i) Rats 63

   (ii) Mice 3

   (iii) Beetles 24

3. Total Number of properties visited for reasons other than notification 246

4. Number infested by:-

   (i) Rats 167

   (ii) Mice 9

   (iii) Beetles 49

9. PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1928.

7 licences were issued to petroleum stations and premises storing petroleum in the area subject to conforming with the Chief Fire Officers Report.

Mr. K. White, 9, Cymmer Road, Glyncorrwg who had previously held a licence, dismantled the petrol pumps and the petroleum storage tanks were filled with concrete slurry.

The National Coal Board who had previously held licences to store petroleum at the Glyncorrwg Colliery and Dyffryn Rhondda Washery ceased to do so.

Mr. B. Mitchell of Mitchell's Garage, Glyncorrwg, has discontinued the storage of petroleum.

A 500 gallon storage tank and suction pipes of Mitchell's Garage, Glyncorrwg, was submitted to a pressure test by means of nitrogen at a pressure of 10 lbs. per square inch for a period of 24 hours. This test proved to be satisfactory.

A 500 gallon storage tank and suction pipes at Mr. Williams' Garage, Blaengwynfi, was subjected to a pressure test by means of nitrogen at a pressure of 10 lbs. per square inch for a period of 24 hours. This test proved to be satisfactory.

10. CINEMATOGRAPH ACTS, 1909 and 1952.

No licences were issued during the year. The Blaengwynfi and Glyncorrwg Workmen's Hall and Institute who have been previously issued with licences have discontinued the showing of films.

11. SLAUGHTERMAN'S LICENCES.

No Slaughterman's licence was issued during the year.

12. EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 and 1923.

The publicity given by the press, radio and television concerning the dangers and hazards of fireworks would appear to have influenced the number of applications for Firework Licences. Last year the number of Fireworks Licences issued was 15. 8 Fireworks Licences were issued during this year together with the Home Office Circular. "Fireworks and the Shopkeeper". (Issued by the Central Office of Information August, 1970). The addresses of the licence holders were submitted to the Chief Fire Officer of the County of Glamorgan.

13. RENT ACT, 1957.

There were no applications for Certificates of Disrepair during this year.

14. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

A report was received from a General Practitioner concerning a family comprising of husband and wife and two children who were sick following the consumption of fish fingers obtained from a deep freeze cabinet. The symptoms were those of vomiting with an absence of diarrhoea. The freezing cabinet in the shop where the fish fingers were purchased was examined and found to be in good working order. The fat in which the fish fingers were fried was examined and found not be rancid, it was further reported that the family had all eaten plums the previous day. There was no evidence of food poisoning.

15. CLEANSING AND DISINFESTATIONS

16 Council houses were treated for various infestations of ants, flies and bed bugs.

4 private dwellings were treated for infestations of bed bugs.

2 private dwellings were cleansed by the Surveyor's Department following action under Sections 83 and 84 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

16. WATER SAMPLES

(a) Water Supply

The following table gives the number taken and the results of water samples taken throughout the Urban District during the year by the West Glamorgan Water Board and the Health Department of the Glyncorrwg Urban District Council.

	No. Taken	No. Unsatis-factory	No. Unsatis-factory
Bacteriological Samples Taken By:-			
(a) West Glamorgan Water Board			
Before Chlorination	11	6	54%
After Chlorination	116	28	24%
(b) Glyncorrwg Urban District Council			
After Chlorination	40	5	12%

Chemical Samples 4

The Chief Executive Officer, the Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspector of the Glyncorrwg Council met during the year the Engineer and Manager of the West Glamorgan Water Board to discuss the quality of the water supply.

(b) Bacteriologic l and Chemical Samples Taken from Swimming Pool at Cymmer Comprehensive School Baths

Following a request by the Divisional Executive Education Officer for a report on the above swimming pool, 9 chemical and 14 Bacteriological samples were taken from the pool during the year. The results of these samples showed that a satisfactory level of chlorine in the swimming pool water was not being maintained. The parts per million of chlorine present in the water were either far in excess of required standards or far too low. Following the advice of the Medical Officer of Health the swimming pool was closed and works of improvement were carried out. The pool remained closed to the end of the year.

17. FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health - 1962 (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be entered by Local Authorities.	5	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	6	6	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	13	11	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	No. of cases in which defects were found		To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied			
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against The Act (including offences not relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

18. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	-	-	-	-	2	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	2	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned						
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and Cysticerci.						
Tuberculosis only whole carcases condemned						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned						
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis						
Cysticerosis carcases of which some part or organ was condemned						
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration						
Generalised and totally condemned						

SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE GLYNCORRWG URBAN DISTRICT BY THE COUNTY SAMPLING OFFICERS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970.

Aspirins	- 1	Ice-cream	- 1
Butter	- 2	Lard	- 1
Cake,sponge,pastry mix etc.	- 1	Margarine	- 1
Cheese spread	- 1	Marzipan	- 1
Cooking fat/oil	- 2	Meat paste	- 1
Cream	- 1	Meat products	- 3
Fish (canned)	- 1	Milk	- 5
Fish	- 1	Sauces	- 1
Fish paste	- 1	Soft drinks	- 2
Fruit (canned)	- 1	Table Jelly	- 2
Fruit (dried)	- 1	Tea	- 1
		Medicines	- 2